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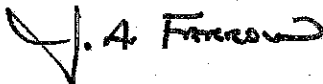
Subject: VEHICLE THEFT STATISTICS FOR 2011

The attached vehicle theft statistics for 2011 include statewide totals for vehicle thefts, stolen vehicle recoveries, and the recovery rate. Theft and recovery statistics are also shown for the various vehicle-type categories.

In 2011, vehicle thefts decreased by 1.3 percent as compared to 2010 statistics. Thanks to your efforts, of the 156,796 vehicles reported stolen in 2011, 84.9 percent were recovered. The strategic deployment of bait cars and license plate reader systems, joint task force operations, vehicle theft training, and district attorney cooperation have all contributed to this decline. The annual economic loss to Californians continues to be approximately \$1 billion; therefore, I encourage you to continue your hard work to combat vehicle theft in 2012.

The attached vehicle theft fact sheet lists California's most popular theft targets, percentages on vehicle recovery conditions, and a list of the state's top ten reporting law enforcement agencies. A separate sheet depicting theft and recovery totals for California's 58 counties is also attached. Additionally, this report includes information on vehicle theft trends.

The data provided is for information purposes and may be reproduced. All public information coordinators and public information officers should be made aware of the availability of this information. Any questions concerning this information should be directed to Field Support Section at (916) 843-3470.



J. A. FARROW
Commissioner

Attachments





2011 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2011, 156,796 vehicles were stolen. The estimated total value of the vehicles was approximately \$1 billion. (This figure is based on the average replacement value established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)
- Of the vehicles stolen in 2011, 60.3 percent were automobiles, 25.7 percent were personal trucks and vans, 4.2 percent were motorcycles, and 4.5 percent were commercial trucks and trailers. All other vehicles (recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction, etc.) accounted for 5.3 percent.
- Top three theft targets:

Autos

Honda Accord 1994
Honda Accord 1996
Honda Accord 1991

Motorcycles

Suzuki 2007
Yamaha 2007
Yamaha 2009

Pickups and Vans

Toyota Pickup 1988
Toyota Pickup 1986
Toyota Pickup 1987

Commercial Trucks

Freightliner 2000
Freightliner 1999
Freightliner 1998

Recreational Vehicles

All-Terrain Vehicle 2005
All-Terrain Vehicle 2007
All-Terrain Vehicle 2006

Trailers

Homemade Utility Trailer 2000
Homemade Utility Trailer 2011
Carson Trailer 2006

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 52.3 percent of all thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties).
- Approximately 28.2 percent of all thefts occurred in Los Angeles County.
- Approximately 15.5 percent of all thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area (Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties).
- Approximately 4.9 percent of all thefts occurred in Sacramento County.
- Approximately 4.8 percent of all thefts occurred in Fresno County.
- Top ten law enforcement agencies reporting the incidence of vehicle thefts:

1. Los Angeles Police Department (22,997)	6. Fresno Police Department (5,325)
2. Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department (17,340)	7. San Francisco Police Department (4,552)
3. California Highway Patrol (11,724)	8. Sacramento Police Department (3,660)
4. San Diego Police Department (6,805)	9. San Jose Police Department (3,186)
5. Oakland Police Department (5,422)	10. Bakersfield Police Department (2,428)

VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- The 1994 Honda Accord ranks as the number one stolen vehicle statewide and the 1996 Honda Accord and 1991 Honda Accord are ranked at numbers two and three, respectively. With high resale value, there is an abundance of Hondas on the road and consumer demand is high. Additionally, their parts are interchangeable with similar models from year to year and the ignition systems can be easily defeated.
- Consistently since 1984, Toyota pickups have ranked as the number one most frequently stolen pickup truck. Its popularity is due to its resale value, abundance, interchangeable parts, and easily defeated ignition systems.
- The 2007 Suzuki and the 2007 Yamaha have ranked as the number one and two stolen motorcycles every year since 2008.

- Freightliner commercial trucks with model years 2000, 1999, and 1998 are ranked as the three most frequently stolen vehicles in their category. John Deere farm equipment ranked as the number one stolen vehicle in its category. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 156,796 vehicles stolen statewide in 2011, 84.9 percent were successfully recovered, representing 133,137 recovered vehicles.
- Of the vehicles stolen statewide, 90.8 percent of the automobiles, 40.2 percent of the motorcycles, 85.1 percent of the personal trucks and vans, and 78.3 percent of the commercial trucks were recovered.
- Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 61.5 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 4.6 percent were missing major components, 14.3 percent were stripped of minor parts, and the remaining 19.6 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked.
- Although the total number of cargo thefts in California is low compared to overall vehicle thefts, it is considered an ongoing problem. In 2011, it was determined that 74 recovered vehicles were "cargo theft only." Cargo theft is estimated to cost Californians hundreds of millions of dollars annually.
- Top ten law enforcement agencies reporting vehicle theft recoveries:

1. Los Angeles Police Department (14,870)	6. Oakland Police Department (4,591)
2. Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department (10,079)	7. San Francisco Police Department (4,248)
3. California Highway Patrol (8,559)	8. Sacramento Police Department (3,142)
4. San Diego Police Department (4,890)	9. San Jose Police Department (3,006)
5. Fresno Police Department (4,646)	10. Bakersfield Police Department (2,006)

INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation



2011

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE THEFT

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

THEFT AND RECOVERY DATA

A. THEFTS	2010	2011	% +/-
AUTOMOBILES	96,510	94,529	-2.1%
MOTORCYCLES	6,070	6,575	8.3%
PERSONAL TRUCKS	41,242	40,362	-2.1%
COMMERCIAL TRUCKS	1,630	1,517	-6.9%
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES	1,708	1,022	-40.2%
TRAILERS	4,944	5,491	11.1%
OTHER (Specially constructed vehicles, mopeds, etc.)	6,779	7,300	7.7%
TOTAL	158,883	156,796	-1.3%
B. RECOVERIES			
AUTOMOBILES	91,032	85,849	-5.7%
MOTORCYCLES	2,409	2,646	9.8%
PERSONAL TRUCKS	36,787	34,361	-6.6%
COMMERCIAL TRUCKS	1,380	1,188	-13.9%
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES	817	591	-27.7%
TRAILERS	2,569	2,348	-8.6%
OTHER (Specially constructed vehicles, mopeds, etc.)	5,764	6,154	6.8%
TOTAL	140,758	133,137	-5.4%
C. RECOVERY RATE (%)			
AUTOMOBILES	94.3%	90.8%	-3.5%
MOTORCYCLES	39.7%	40.2%	0.5%
PERSONAL TRUCKS	89.2%	85.1%	-4.1%
COMMERCIAL TRUCKS	84.7%	78.3%	-6.4%
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES	47.8%	57.8%	10.0%
TRAILERS	52.0%	42.8%	-9.2%
OTHER (Specially constructed vehicles, mopeds, etc.)	85.0%	84.3%	-0.7%
TOTAL	88.6%	84.9%	-3.7%



2011

THEFTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	2010	2011	% +/-	COUNTY	2010	2011	% +/-
Alameda	9,087	10,796	18.8%	Orange	6,356	6,344	-0.2%
Alpine	3	0	-100.0%	Placer	594	590	-0.7%
Amador	44	47	6.8%	Plumas	20	21	5.0%
Butte	636	668	5.0%	Riverside	8,565	8,932	4.3%
Calaveras	60	94	56.7%	Sacramento	9,513	7,733	-18.7%
Colusa	56	41	-26.8%	San Benito	104	91	-12.5%
Contra Costa	6,337	5,846	-7.7%	San Bernardino	9,231	9,725	5.4%
Del Norte	88	55	-37.5%	San Diego	13,707	12,850	-6.3%
El Dorado	170	193	13.5%	San Francisco	3,929	4,380	11.5%
Fresno	7,287	7,600	4.3%	San Joaquin	3,703	3,543	-4.3%
Glenn	82	97	18.3%	San Luis Obispo	282	406	44.0%
Humboldt	417	532	27.6%	San Mateo	1,809	1,509	-16.6%
Imperial	647	683	5.6%	Santa Barbara	566	538	-4.9%
Inyo	21	13	-38.1%	Santa Clara	7,483	7,206	-3.7%
Kern	5,295	5,055	-4.5%	Santa Cruz	562	711	26.5%
Kings	396	402	1.5%	Shasta	503	593	17.9%
Lake	147	126	-14.3%	Sierra	2	0	-100.0%
Lassen	39	28	-28.2%	Siskiyou	56	54	-3.6%
Los Angeles	45,420	44,227	-2.6%	Solano	2,190	1,912	-12.7%
Madera	557	589	5.7%	Sonoma	616	632	2.6%
Marin	546	358	-34.4%	Stanislaus	3,743	3,350	-10.5%
Mariposa	17	22	29.4%	Sutter	434	460	6.0%
Mendocino	124	94	-24.2%	Tehama	146	119	-18.5%
Merced	868	981	13.0%	Trinity	30	33	10.0%
Modoc	10	7	-30.0%	Tulare	2,291	2,095	-8.6%
Mono	3	4	33.3%	Tuolumne	78	89	14.1%
Monterey	1,274	1,633	28.2%	Ventura	1,342	1,232	-8.2%
Napa	233	260	11.6%	Yolo	541	528	-2.4%
Nevada	119	146	22.7%	Yuba	81	101	24.7%
				Other	423	422	-0.2%

Total	2010	2011	% +/-
	158,883	156,796	-1.3%



2011

RECOVERIES BY COUNTY

COUNTY	2010	2011	% +/-	COUNTY	2010	2011	% +/-
Alameda	8,658	9,738	12.5%	Orange	4,759	4,471	-6.1%
Alpine	2	0	-100.0%	Placer	446	434	-2.7%
Amador	32	24	-25.0%	Plumas	10	9	-10.0%
Butte	526	575	9.3%	Riverside	7,331	7,314	-0.2%
Calaveras	49	63	28.6%	Sacramento	8,900	6,998	-21.4%
Colusa	33	23	-30.3%	San Benito	105	74	-29.5%
Contra Costa	6,376	5,668	-11.1%	San Bernardino	7,912	8,077	2.1%
Del Norte	59	47	-20.3%	San Diego	10,580	9,795	-7.4%
El Dorado	115	140	21.7%	San Francisco	3,649	3,898	6.8%
Fresno	6,595	6,625	0.5%	San Joaquin	3,244	2,913	-10.2%
Glenn	73	80	9.6%	San Luis Obispo	252	329	30.6%
Humboldt	396	466	17.7%	San Mateo	1,454	1,138	-21.7%
Imperial	278	274	-1.4%	Santa Barbara	507	454	-10.5%
Inyo	21	16	-23.8%	Santa Clara	6,914	6,412	-7.3%
Kern	4,446	4,142	-6.8%	Santa Cruz	396	559	41.2%
Kings	268	259	-3.4%	Shasta	419	486	16.0%
Lake	116	119	2.6%	Sierra	0	1	100.0%
Lassen	29	22	-24.1%	Siskiyou	61	41	-32.8%
Los Angeles	40,853	37,918	-7.2%	Solano	1,815	1,555	-14.3%
Madera	491	473	-3.7%	Sonoma	507	495	-2.4%
Marin	386	240	-37.8%	Stanislaus	3,303	2,884	-12.7%
Mariposa	4	18	350.0%	Sutter	354	379	7.1%
Mendocino	125	91	-27.2%	Tehama	122	91	-25.4%
Merced	804	809	0.6%	Trinity	24	26	8.3%
Modoc	7	3	-57.1%	Tulare	2,418	1,991	-17.7%
Mono	5	3	-40.0%	Tuolumne	52	58	11.5%
Monterey	1,177	1,479	25.7%	Ventura	1,157	990	-14.4%
Napa	162	182	12.3%	Yolo	404	416	3.0%
Nevada	69	104	50.7%	Yuba	78	82	5.1%
				Other	1,430	1,166	-18.5%

Total	2010	2011	% +/-
	140,758	133,137	-5.4%

2011 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - AUTOMOBILES

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
01	Honda	Accord	1994	3,609
02	Honda	Accord	1996	3,000
03	Honda	Accord	1991	2,892
04	Honda	Accord	1995	2,674
05	Honda	Accord	1997	2,668
06	Honda	Accord	1992	2,615
07	Honda	Civic	1995	2,443
08	Honda	Civic	1998	2,415
09	Honda	Accord	1990	2,379
10	Honda	Civic	1997	2,377
11	Honda	Accord	1993	2,016
12	Honda	Civic	2000	1,943
13	Honda	Civic	1993	1,843
14	Honda	Civic	1996	1,743
15	Honda	Civic	1994	1,735
16	Honda	Civic	1999	1,583
17	Toyota	Camry	1991	1,256
18	Toyota	Camry	1990	1,098
19	Toyota	Camry	1989	1,057
20	Honda	Civic	1992	985
21	Honda	Civic	1991	845
22	Acura	Integra	1994	808
23	Acura	Integra	1995	695
24	Honda	Civic	1990	646
25	Toyota	Camry	1988	644
26	Acura	Integra	1990	533
27	Acura	Integra	1996	522
28	Acura	Integra	1991	508
29	Toyota	Camry	1987	473
30	Nissan	Sentra	1994	447
31	Honda	Civic	1989	413
32	Acura	Integra	1997	378
33	Acura	Integra	1998	372
34	Nissan	Altima	1997	339
35	Nissan	Sentra	1992	337
36	Nissan	Sentra	1993	312
37	Honda	Civic	1988	310
38	Saturn	SL	1995	298
39	Acura	Integra	1992	286
40	Saturn	SL	1996	284

2011 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - PERSONAL TRUCKS

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
01	Toyota	Pickup	1988	427
02	Toyota	Pickup	1986	358
03	Toyota	Pickup	1987	321
04	Toyota	Pickup	1985	262
05	Chevy	Silverado	2004	248
06	Toyota	Pickup	1989	230
07	Chevrolet	Silverado	2005	227
08	Chevrolet	Silverado	2003	221
09	Chevrolet	Silverado	2006	212
10	Nissan	Pickup	1986	194
11	Chevrolet	Tahoe	2001	187
12	Nissan	Pickup	1995	184
13	Chevrolet	Silverado	2001	182
14	Nissan	Pickup	1993	174
15	Chevrolet	Silverado	2007	172
16	Chevrolet	Tahoe	2002	161
17	Chevrolet	Tahoe	2003	160
18	Nissan	Pickup	1991	151
19	Toyota	Pickup	1984	151
20	Nissan	Pathfinder	1995	150
21	Toyota	Pickup	1990	150
22	Nissan	Pickup	1997	149
23	Chevrolet	Tahoe	2004	144
24	Chevrolet	Silverado	2000	142
25	Cadillac	Escalade	2002	138
26	Nissan	Pickup	1994	138
27	Toyota	Tacoma	2004	138
28	Toyota	Pickup	1991	134
29	Chevrolet	Silverado	2002	133
30	Toyota	Pickup	1992	130
31	Chevrolet	Tahoe	2007	127
32	GMC	Yukon	2003	127
33	Toyota	Pickup	1993	127
34	Cadillac	Escalade	2003	118
35	Nissan	Pickup	1987	118
36	Toyota	Tacoma	2002	118
37	Toyota	Tacoma	2003	118
38	Toyota	Pickup	1994	117
39	Nissan	Pickup	1992	116
40	GMC	Yukon	2001	115

2011 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - MOTORCYCLES

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
01	Suzuki	MC	2007	209
02	Yamaha	MC	2007	180
03	Yamaha	MC	2009	163
04	Honda	MC	2005	127
05	Suzuki	MC	2008	126
06	Suzuki	MC	2006	124
07	Honda	MC	2004	120
08	Honda	MC	2003	113
09	Yamaha	MC	2005	111
10	Yamaha	MC	2006	108
11	Honda	MC	2006	106
12	Honda	MC	2007	103
13	Yamaha	MC	2004	97
14	Yamaha	MC	2008	97
15	Honda	MC	2008	89
16	Suzuki	MC	2005	82
17	Suzuki	MC	2009	80
18	Kawasaki	MC	2007	78
19	Kawasaki	MC	2009	78
20	Honda	MC	2002	76
21	Harley Davidson	MC	2006	75
22	Kawasaki	MC	2006	73
23	Honda	MC	2009	72
24	Harley Davidson	MC	2007	67
25	Yamaha	MC	2003	63
26	Harley Davidson	MC	2005	61
27	Honda	MC	2001	57
28	Suzuki	MC	2003	57
29	Yamaha	MC	2002	56
30	Suzuki	MC	2004	55
31	Harley Davidson	MC	2003	54
32	Kawasaki	MC	2008	50
33	Harley Davidson	MC	2008	48
34	Harley Davidson	MC	2001	45
35	Kawasaki	MC	2003	38
36	Kawasaki	MC	2005	37
37	Suzuki	MC	2002	37
38	Yamaha	MC	2001	37
39	Harley Davidson	MC	2002	36
40	Suzuki	MC	2001	36

2011 CALIFORNIA REGISTERED VEHICLES AND THEFTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	REGISTERED VEHICLES	% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	THEFTS	% OF STATEWIDE THEFTS	COUNTY	REGISTERED VEHICLES	% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	THEFTS	% OF STATEWIDE THEFTS
Alameda	1,225,090	3.85	10,796	6.89	Orange	2,519,955	7.92	6,344	4.05
Alpine	1,882	0.01	0	0.00	Placer	378,989	1.19	590	0.38
Amador	53,295	0.17	47	0.03	Plumas	33,063	0.10	21	0.01
Butte	223,365	0.70	668	0.43	Riverside	1,711,492	5.38	8,932	5.70
Calaveras	71,193	0.22	94	0.06	Sacramento	1,141,979	3.59	7,733	4.93
Colusa	27,296	0.09	41	0.03	San Benito	55,769	0.18	91	0.06
Contra Costa	913,512	2.87	5,846	3.73	San Bernardino	1,628,577	5.12	9,725	6.20
Del Norte	26,808	0.08	55	0.04	San Diego	2,653,878	8.34	12,850	8.20
El Dorado	212,545	0.67	193	0.12	San Francisco	466,448	1.47	4,380	2.79
Fresno	717,015	2.25	7,600	4.85	San Joaquin	573,308	1.80	3,543	2.26
Glenn	34,622	0.11	97	0.06	San Luis Obispo	286,069	0.90	406	0.26
Humboldt	146,764	0.46	532	0.34	San Mateo	675,336	2.12	1,509	0.96
Imperial	157,322	0.49	683	0.44	Santa Barbara	366,061	1.15	538	0.34
Inyo	27,107	0.09	13	0.01	Santa Clara	1,517,190	4.77	7,206	4.60
Kern	682,401	2.15	5,055	3.22	Santa Cruz	241,529	0.76	711	0.45
Kings	103,363	0.33	402	0.26	Shasta	213,176	0.67	593	0.38
Lake	84,383	0.27	126	0.08	Sierra	5,316	0.02	0	0.00
Lassen	36,375	0.11	28	0.02	Siskiyou	64,413	0.20	54	0.03
Los Angeles	7,360,573	23.14	44,227	28.21	Solano	365,427	1.15	1,912	1.22
Madera	128,431	0.40	589	0.38	Sonoma	483,785	1.52	632	0.40
Marin	235,891	0.74	358	0.23	Stanislaus	438,644	1.38	3,350	2.14
Mariposa	27,910	0.09	22	0.01	Sutter	92,388	0.29	460	0.29
Mendocino	110,186	0.35	94	0.06	Tehama	68,212	0.21	119	0.08
Merced	201,422	0.63	981	0.63	Trinity	20,604	0.06	33	0.02
Modoc	13,256	0.04	7	0.00	Tulare	347,258	1.09	2,095	1.34
Mono	16,829	0.05	4	0.00	Tuolumne	74,302	0.23	89	0.06
Monterey	348,483	1.10	1,633	1.04	Ventura	750,293	2.36	1,232	0.79
Napa	136,865	0.43	260	0.17	Yolo	166,953	0.52	528	0.34
Nevada	126,614	0.40	146	0.09	Yuba	65,967	0.21	101	0.06
					* Other	945,304	2.97	422	0.27

* Notates vehicles registered out of state, misc. vehicles, and fee exempt registrations. Also includes Zone 9 thefts.

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